

**STATE OF ILLINOIS  
ILLINOIS COMMERCE COMMISSION**

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| Citizens Telecommunications Company of Illinois | ) |                    |
| and United States Cellular Operating            | ) |                    |
| Company of Chicago, LLC, USCOC of Central       | ) |                    |
| Illinois, LLC, USCOC of Illinois RSA #1, LLC,   | ) |                    |
| USCOC of Illinois RSA #4, LLC, and USCOC        | ) |                    |
| of Rockford, LLC                                | ) |                    |
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| Joint Petition for Approval of Interconnection  | ) | Docket No. 04-0798 |
| Agreement pursuant to 47 U.S.C. § 252.          | ) |                    |

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**VERIFIED STATEMENT OF DAVID RUHLAND**

1. My name is David Ruhland and I am a Regulatory Manager for Citizens Telecommunications Company of Illinois. Among my duties as a Regulatory Manager is to review and file negotiated agreements.
2. On December 27, 2004 Citizens Telecommunications Company of Illinois ("Citizens") and United States Cellular Operating Company of Chicago, LLC, USCOC of Central Illinois, LLC, USCOC of Illinois RSA #1, LLC, USCOC of Illinois RSA #4, LLC, and USCOC of Rockford, LLC ("US Cellular") filed with the Illinois Commerce Commission ("Commission") a verified joint petition seeking the Commission's approval of the accompanying Negotiated Interconnection Agreement.
2. The Negotiated Interconnection Agreement was approved by the Commission in an order dated March 23, 2005. The approved Negotiated Interconnection Agreement is the same Negotiated Interconnection Agreement filed in this docket with the verified statement on December 27, 2004.
4. Citizens has a section in its tariffs for interconnection agreements. It is in Section 18 of tariff 5. A tariff filing to add the agreement with US Cellular was issued on March 29, 2005 with an effective date of March 30, 2005.

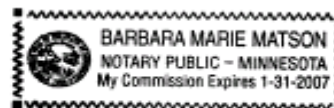
I, David Ruhland, do on oath depose and state that if called as a witness herein, I would testify to the facts contained in the foregoing document based upon personal knowledge.

*David Ruhland*

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SIGNED AND SWORN TO BEFORE ME THIS 1<sup>st</sup> DAY OF APRIL 2005.

*Barbara Marie Matson*



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NOTARY PUBLIC